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FROZEN HERRING COMING.

Recent Advices Say That Some Vessels Are on the Way

Frost of Last Saturday Said To Have Been a Good One.

Recent advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., tend to show that the frost of last Friday night and Saturday there was a good one and that some of the crafts put down some herring. While details and definite information are lacking, still it is believed that at least one full load of frozen herring and two crafts with partly salt and partly frozen herring are now on the way home.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. William Walker, Provincetown, cured fish.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.  
Sch. Ether Gray, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.  
Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.  
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.  
Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.  
Salt herring, in bulk, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3400 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Reliance, 5500 pollock.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6900 pollock.  
Sch. Esther Gray, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Actor, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 2500 haddock.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$5; pollock, \$3.15.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sloop Columbia, Capt. Harry Handoff, has returned to Kittery to haul up for the winter.

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FISHERMEN'S BOUNTIES.

Maritime Provinces Men Received \$159,015 This Year.

A Halifax, N. S., dispatch says: "The deep sea fishermen of the Maritime Provinces received \$159,015 as bounties for their catches of fish during the past year. More than three-fifths of this amount was paid to boat fishermen, of whom there were \$20,871 in the Provinces during the season. The owners of the 957 fishing vessels which went out after the fish during the year received as their share of the bounties \$62,208, about two-fifths of the total amount.

"Nova Scotia's fishermen received nearly double the amount of the bounty paid to those in the other three provinces, who received almost \$100,000. The bounties distributed in the other provinces were as follows: Quebec, \$34,110; New Brunswick, \$16,247, and Prince Edward Island, \$8839.

"Almost \$1,000,000 had been distributed among the fishermen of the four provinces since the inception of the practice of paying bounties for the fish caught, which went into effect in 1882. These figures are taken from the annual report of the Fisheries Commission which also shows that the total catch of fisheries in Canadian waters, including fish products, seals, etc., during the season, is valued at \$26,250,000, the second largest aggregate on record."

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Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 20,530 barrels against 34,102 barrels at this time last year.

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OTHERS NEARLY LOADED.

With Frozen Herring Fares at Bay of Islands, N. F.

Frost Last Saturday Night Helped Fleet Quite a Lot.

A letter to the Times from one of the skippers at Bay of Islands, N. F., dated December 23, states that on Friday and Saturday, about two feet of snow fell and on Saturday evening the thermometer stood at 14 degrees above zero, fine weather for freezing herring. Cpts. Ross and Peebles came to Birchy Cove, from the Middle Arm just before dark on Saturday and reported herring fairly plentiful. There is also quite a lot of herring in the Humber but as there are no vessels in that locality, there are few nets down and no sales there.

On Saturday night the frost was a fine one and all the herring on the scaffolds were put below hatches by 11 o'clock, and enough herring were taken on board to again fill the scaffolds. The following vessels are reported nearly loaded: Schs. Clintonia, Ingomar, Lena and Maud, J. J. Flaherty and the British sch. Eva June, which is under charter to Capt. Frank H. Hall.

It is stated that schs. Essex and Alice R. Lawson with salt cargoes sailed Sunday, after having started once and having put back on account of bad weather a few days before.

On Sunday night the weather again turned mild, on Monday the snow was shining brightly. The indications however are that by Monday night there will be another change.

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FINDS BLACK PEARL IN CLAM.

The Jewel Is Of Considerable Value.

Robert Murray, a newspaper compositor of New York, recently gave a clam feast to his friends and when the festivities were well underway his jaws closed on a substance he was positive was not clam. Upon examination it proved to be a black pearl, which jewel experts pronounce of considerable value. This discovery has led dealers in shocked clams to carefully look over their stock ere they dispose of it to see if they are not more of these black pearls.

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HAVING HARD WEATHER.

Haddockers at Halifax Report Gale and Loss of Trawls.

Evidently the haddockers on the Cape Shore are having some pretty hard weather. Three of them, schs. Morning Star, Onato and Conqueror, were at Halifax yesterday, and report a very severe gale last Tuesday and that considerable gear was lost. All three of these crafts lost a lot of trawls, sch. Morning Star losing the most.

Another despatch said that the vessels had their head gear slightly damaged, also that sch. Morning Star was left without a single hook. Sch. Conqueror had 4000 pounds of fish and the rest none.

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Sch. Little Fannie, 500 cod, 11,000 pollock.  
Sch. Pontiac, 11,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 10,000 hake, 1500 cusk.  
Large cod, \$4.50 per cwt.; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$3.

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LOST LOTS OF TRAWL.

Many Haddockers Hard Hit Tuesday Off Liscomb, N. S.

Some Were Left Without a Hook with Which To Fish.

Capt. Horace Wilde, of the staunch haddocking sch. John Hays Hammond of this port, which arrived home here Saturday night from off Liscomb, N. S., confirms the exclusive news in the Times of Saturday in regard to the bad weather and loss of a very large amount of trawls by the haddock fleet of this port and Boston, fishing off that port.

Capt. Wilde says that he struck fair weather when he first got down there and picked up quite a lot of fish. Then came the rough day, on which he had one of his dories overturned and one of his crew, Peter Ryan, was drowned, and the body sent home for burial, as previously reported in the Times. After that the weather came bad and chances to set were scarce.

On last Tuesday, however, off Liscomb, it looked as though there might be a chance to do something. Some of the vessels set four tubs to a dory, while others stuck out their whole strings. The weather changed quickly it began to blow from the southwest, and with it came a hard, short sea, so that most of the crafts were lucky to get back all their dories, to say nothing of their strings of trawls.

The Hammond had out 60 tubs, six tubs to a dory, and it seemed as good as gone, as indeed it was practically for all they were able to get back were six buoys and about 14 tubs of gear. Other crafts, however, fared worse than the Hammond. The Boston haddocking sch. Morning Star, which had all her gear out, never got a hook back. The sch. Onato, also of Boston, lost 60 tubs, as did sch. Conqueror of this port. These three vessels went to Halifax to rig new gear.

The new sch. Richard lost whatever gear she set, but the men of the Hammond did not know just how much she had out. Sch. Slade Gorton of this port, was among the unfortunate ones, being credited with losing 30 or 35 tubs which however left her enough to stay on the ground and continue fishing. Sch. Cynthia was also there but they did not think she lost many trawls.

Some of the fleet were up to the eastward, among them sch. Lucania, and the Hammond's men think that these vessels did not set. Sch. Mildred Robinson was there also but it was thought that she had no gear out.

In all, the fleet fishing off Liscomb and Isaac's Harbor numbered 13 sail, and all of them were very poorly fished when the Hammond left for home, having done practically nothing.

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HERRING NEWS.

Western Star Tells of Latest Operations of the Fleet.

Frost and Mild Weather Alternate and Bother Loading.

Regarding the herring situation at Bay of Islands, N. F., the Western Star of Wednesday gives the following information:

"During the past week herring have been fairly plentiful in Middle Arm and the upper part of Humber Arm. Some of the nets have taken in one day as much as twenty barrels, and the average catch has been about eight barrels per day. Some of the fishermen, who took up their nets, owing to the mild spurt, had them set again on Friday. Weather conditions changed that day, and Saturday night the frost was keen enough to freeze herring. While the snow storm was on the crews had the herring on scaffolds and elsewhere put in piles, and as soon as it ceased snowing they spread out the fish thinly. By Sunday morning they were hard enough to go into the holds of the vessels, and the fishermen had a busy time of it all Sunday trying to get their herring under cover, fearing another mild spurt. One could not very well blame them, after such a trying time as they had in getting the fish frozen. Still there are lots of herring on shore from which the fishermen did not remove the snow, and they are yet unfit to be put in cargo."